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Aboriginal Fire Fighters Competition to be held at Kingsclear (01/09/05)

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FREDERICTON (CNB) -- Aboriginal Fire Fighters from First Nations' communities throughout Canada will gather at the Maliseet community of Kingsclear for the 2001 National Aboriginal Fire Fighters Competition.

The competition will be held all day Saturday, Sept. 8 at the Kingsclear ball field. The competition is part of the National Conference and Annual General Meeting of the Aboriginal Firefighters Association of Canada being held in Fredericton Sept. 6-8.

"It is my pleasure, on behalf of the Government of New Brunswick, to extend a warm welcome to all delegates and participants of the 2001 National Aboriginal Fire Fighters Convention and Competition," said Justice Minister Brad Green, Minister responsible for Aboriginal Affairs. "Fire fighters, whether they serve as volunteers or as paid staff, make our communities a safer place. I congratulate the Maliseet Nation at Kingsclear for hosting this national event."

The national conference will focus on issues ranging from stress management to firefighting techniques and technology. The competition will be a test of firefighters skills in a range of activities, and is open to the public. For more information, contact Gary Sacobie, fire chief, or Joe Sabattis, deputy fire chief, Maliseet Nation at Kingsclear, 506-363-3028.

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